FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 12-2001) COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 018049-9030 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) /03085**3** CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/US00/19090 13 July 2000 (13.07.00) 13 July 1999 (13.07.99) TITLE OF INVENTION SEPARATOR SHEET HANDLING ASSEMBLY APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <u>Jeff G. Van Nice, Dennis A. VanderHoeven, Brian E. Busse</u> Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. X This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). 5. X A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Amendments to the claims of the International Aplication under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. L An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). An English lanugage translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11.[X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. X An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A FIRST preliminary amendment. 14. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. A substitute specification.

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A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

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